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REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121.

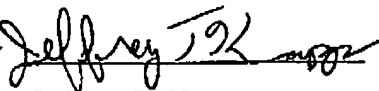
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, being claims 9-19. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the subcombination can have a separate utility. However, Applicant submits that the only utility of the locating device of claim 1 is the measuring of the "distances between dots of a light guide plate", as set forth in the preamble of claim 1. The reason is that, by referring to "the dots" in the body of claim 1, the preamble of the claim must be considered. Specifically, the preamble establishes the antecedent basis for "the dots" and gives particular meaning to the exact type of dots that are meant to be located and whose distance therebetween is to be measured. As such, Applicant submits that the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

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Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the invention of Group I, being claims 1-8, in a divisional application if not rejoined in prosecution by the Examiner.

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